

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 5, 2004

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 P.M.
 - A. **Opening Prayer** was given by Jim Norris.
 - B. **Pledge** – The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. **Roll Call:** Present: John Brown, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Ann Devore, Martha Myers, August Tindell
Absent: Rob Kittle
 - D. **Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting** – Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting and August Tindell seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Second reading was given to an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.1, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO REZONE AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 5,880 SQUARE FEET, LOCATED AT 1325 TENTH STREET, FROM R-6 (MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO SU-1 (CHURCHES).” Roger Hunt, Planning Director, explained that this property is located next to the Second Baptist Church. They have requested the rezoning in order to expand their parking. Mr. Hunt stated that he had no new information since the last meeting. There were no further questions or discussion. August Tindell moved for passage and Ann Devore seconded. Ordinance passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - B. Second reading was given to an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.2, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 1 AND ARTICLE 2 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SEWAGE WORKS, REGULATING THE USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS, AND THE DISCHARGE OF WATERS AND WASTES INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS THEREOF.” Keith Reeves, Utilities Director, explained that this was a second reading of an Ordinance to modify the procedures and set limits on the use of public and private sewer drains. He discussed at great length what this would accomplish. There were no further questions or comments. George Dutro moved for passage and Ann Devore seconded. Ordinance passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
 - C. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.3, 2004, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTIGUOUS THERETO.” Roger Hunt explained that this property where the Calvary Church is located is basically surrounded by city and it makes sense to include it as part of the city. He stated that he has no further information. There were no further questions or discussion. Craig Hawes moved for passage and Martha Myers seconded. Ordinance passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
 - A. Public Hearing and Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.1, 2004, A RESOLUTION AMENDING PREVIOUSLY PASSED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA RESOLUTIONS, COLLECTIVELY ENTITLED RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS DECLARING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO BE WITHIN AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-1, ET. SEQ. AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFITS FORM IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREAS ALL PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-1.1 ET SEQ.” Judy Jackson introduced Kelly Crookston, financial representative from MacTac. She introduced Larry Nitzsche, Vice President of Engineering and Denis Saltynski, Plant Manager of the Columbus plant. They have been located in Columbus since 1998 and are requesting tax abatement for expansion with plans to invest 22 million dollars and create 75 new jobs. They currently employ 105. Craig Hawes stated that the Incentive Review Committee met and found this company to be in substantial compliance. Craig Hawes moved for passage and Ann Devore seconded. Resolution for ERA designation and tax abatement passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

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- B. Public Hearing and First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.____, 2004, ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-Of-Way." Roger Hunt explained that this request for vacating property located at 2775 Roadway Drive. The owners wish to redevelop the property and this is necessary in order to make changes to the site plan. Mr. Hunt stated that the Plan Commission recommended favorably on this matter. George Dutro moved to place the Ordinance in proper channels for passage and John Brown seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- C. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO. 4, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN ZONING ORDINANCE PROVISIONS CONCERNING CONDITIONAL USE REGULATION OF MODEL HOME LOCATION AND LONGEVITY, AND FOR OTHER SPECIFIED PURPOSES." Roger Hunt explained that this Ordinance is a text amendment to the zoning Ordinance regarding model homes and their placement and duration of existence. He stated that the present Ordinance allows a model home to exist for 18 months. Steve Charlton a local developer and Bob Smitherman a local builder spoke in favor of the change. They explained that in slower periods of sales of homes, it is often necessary to have a model home in existence longer than 18 months. Mr. Charlton requested approval to suspend the rules and pass on first reading. He explained that the reason is that some builders are in a position where the time has expired and they are in need of using the model homes longer for sales in certain subdivisions. Craig Hawes moved to suspend the rules and pass on first reading and Ann Devore seconded. Motion to suspend the rules passed by a vote of 6 to 0. John Brown moved for passage of the Ordinance and Craig Hawes seconded. Ordinance passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- D. First Reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.____, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES OF PROPERTY, LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST BANK OF THE EAST FORK OF THE WHITE RIVER, SOUTH OF THE 2ND STREET BRIDGE, NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF BROWN AND WATER STREETS, FROM SU-11 PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND USES) AND I-2 (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL) TO B-3 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT)." Roger Hunt explained that this is city owned property south of the 2nd Street Bridge on the north bank of the White River. He stated that this property is not appropriately zoned to be consistent with the surrounding property. There was much discussion regarding parking requirements if any business should be placed on the property. After much discussion, Ann Devore moved to continue this request at the next meeting. Martha Myers seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.
- E. Reading was given to a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.2, 2004, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2004 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR "B" PRIORITY ITEMS." Gary Henderson, Fire Chief, explained that this request is to move funds to "A" funds for the purchase of a new pumper truck. The Fire Department will not receive the truck until 2005 as it will be made to meet the city's specifications. Craig Hawes moved for passage and August Tindell seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

At this time Councilman Hawes submitted for the record a Uniform Conflict Disclosure Statement for his business in the event that they should do business with the city.

IV. Other Business

- A. Committee and Liaison reports were given for informational purposes.
- B. Next Regular Scheduled meeting to be Tuesday, January 20, 2004.
- C. Adjournment – Martha Myers moved to adjourn and John Brown seconded. Motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 6 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

Columbus City Clerk Treasurer

Presiding Officer of the Common Council